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COAL-MINING MACHINES ADD TO OUTPUT;
NEW MINES LAG

MINING RECORD ESTABLISHED -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 170, 21 Jul 49

Miners at the "Snezhnyanantsit" (Snezhnoye Anthracite) Trust operating a "Dorbass" coal combine [mining machine] mined 587 tons of coal in a 24-hour period, thus establishing a record for the operation of the "Dorbass" combine.

CUTTING MACHINE IMPROVED -- Pravda, No 213, 1 Aug 49

Molotov -- Mine No 39 of the "Kospushugol" Trust is using a cutting machine with a breaking rod. This rod is mounted on the bar of the cutting machine and breaks the coal already cut out by the bar, thus replacing heavy manual labor in breaking coal. All cutting machines in the mine which are used in beds with steeply dipping seams are now equipped with this breaking rod. Cutters using the additional breaking equipment can complete an operational cycle in 24 hours. Coal extraction in these beds has increased 32 percent, and linear progress has increased by 12 meters per month. Labor productivity has more than doubled. In the beds where breaking rods are used, the need for cutters, drillers, and blasters has decreased, since by using this cutting machine a steady flow of coal can be assured.

MINE CONSTRUCTION DELAYED -- "Ikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 129, 3 Jun 49

The Ushchunskoye coal deposits in Birobidzhanskiy Rayon, Jewish Autonomous Oblast, have large reserves of good-quality coal. The mine which is under construction there will be able to supply fuel to all enterprises of the Jewish Autonomous Oblast and the population of the city of Birobidzhan. Construction of the mine was started in 1942, but has not yet been completed. The Kray Fuel Administration has been inefficient in directing the construction work on the project. At the beginning of 1947, the administration put the mine into operation and several thousand tons of coal were mined. The locale, however, is swampy, and because a road has not yet been built, coal transport has been hell up. Since the mine has no way of selling its coal, it has incurred many losses and has been deprived of working capital. At present, the administration has only 15 - 20 workers a day working on the road project and only 300 meters of wood planks have been laid. The working is progressing extremely slowly and is without plans or estimates.

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In February, the Jewish Autonomous Oblast Executive Committee issued a decree designed to speed construction of the mine, but the decree was not carried out. The matter has been turned over to the State Planning Committee and oblast organizations have since withdrawn their interest.

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